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ACT Government spends $55.5m on cultural funding

The ACT Government spent $55.5 million (m) funding cultural activities during 2004-05, according to new analysis of recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data.

Canberra's libraries and archives were the main winners receiving the majority (72% or $21.5m) of heritage funding.

Per person Canberra's libraries and archives received more than three times the national funding levels ($66.28 per Canberran compared with $19.56 per Australian). See media note.

Other heritage activities the ACT Government contributed funding for included $13.6m on nature parks and reserves, $3m for other museums and $1.8m on art museums.

Arts funding

In total the ACT Government contributed $15.7m for arts activities in 2004-05. Performing arts venues ($5m) and performing arts ($3.4m) received the bulk of these funds.

The level of arts funding per Canberran ($48.38) was significantly higher than the rest of Australia with the exception of the Northern Territory ($70.76).

Full details can be found in **ACT Stats: Cultural funding by Government in the ACT** (cat. no. 1344.8.55.001).

Media Note:
Much of the cultural funding in the ACT is provided by the Federal Government. Care should be taken when comparing states and territories data. The explanatory note in the publication provides more details.

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